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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

In accordance with the PTO's amendment format, a detailed listing of all claims has been provided. A status identifier is provided for each claim in parentheses following each claim number. Changes to the claims are shown by strikethrough or double bracketing (for deleted text) or underlining (for added text).

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-38 were previously pending.

Please amend claims 5 and 14 as shown below.

Please cancel claims 1-4, 6-13, and 15-38 without prejudice.

No new claims are added.

Claims 5 and 14 are pending.

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**Listing of the Claims**

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The speech system as recited in claim 2,~~A speech system, comprising:a speech server;an interaction object that is callable by one or more speech-enabled applications to enable a speech-enabled application to submit an interaction to the speech server;an interaction manager configured to prioritize interactions submitted to the speech server by ordering the interactions in an interaction list, the interaction list having a front and an end, wherein an interaction at the front of the interaction list is processed before other interactions in the interaction list are processed;wherein the interaction manager places an interaction received from a speech-enabled application at the end of the interaction list unless the interaction manager detects an indication to place the interaction received from the speech-enabled application at the front of the interaction list ahead of other interactions in the interaction list;wherein the interaction manager places the interaction received from the speech-enabled application at the front of the list if the interaction manager detects an interruption flag in the interaction received from the speech-enabled application; and

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wherein the interaction manager interrupts an interaction currently processing when the interaction is placed at the front of the list, and the interrupted interaction does not resume processing after the interrupting interaction is processed if a self-destruct flag is set in the interaction.

6-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The speech system as recited in claim 13,~~  
A speech system, comprising:  
a speech server;

an interaction object that is callable by one or more speech-enabled applications to enable a speech-enabled application to submit an interaction to the speech server;

an interaction manager configured to prioritize interactions submitted to the speech server by ordering the interactions in an interaction list, the interaction list having a front and an end, wherein an interaction at the front of the interaction list is processed before other interactions in the interaction list are processed;

wherein the interaction manager places an interaction received from a speech-enabled application at the end of the interaction list unless the interaction manager detects an indication to place the interaction received from the speech-enabled application at the front of the interaction list ahead of other interactions in the interaction list;

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wherein the interaction manager provides a grace period after processing a first interaction before beginning to process a second interaction; and

wherein the interaction manager is further configured to place a chained interaction at the front of the interaction list if the chained interaction is received during a grace period after processing the first interaction and if the chained interaction is submitted by the same speech-enabled application that submitted the first interaction, even if the chained interaction does not indicate that it is to be placed at the front of the list and the chained interaction is submitted after the second interaction is submitted.

15-38. (Canceled)